



Webster Police Department

57 Thompson Road, Webster, MA 01570
Phone: 508-943-1212 • Fax: 508-949-3898
www.websterpolice.com



Timothy J. Bent
Chief of Police

Deputy Chief Rodney L. Budrow
Lieutenant Michael D. Shaw

Community Committed

To: All Media Outlets

From: Lieutenant Michael D. Shaw

RE: Impersonation of a Police Officer

Date: March 13, 2013

On March 11 Webster Police Officer Robert Ela developed information that a young woman had been followed to her boy friend's house by someone who was utilizing a blue light similar to that which is commonly found in police cars. This occurred on March 5th and was reported to the Webster Police Department, however no vehicle was found at that time.

After a brief investigation by Officer Ela, it was determined that the driver in question was William Ferrante, 24, 21 Mill Street Webster. Allegedly Ferrante would use the light to "slow cars down" when they were speeding past him on the highway. He would also come across accidents and use the light to warn traffic until police arrived. In the above mentioned incident, the victim was driving on 395 Northbound when Ferrante was behind her utilizing the blue light. She pulled over and he passed her, only to slow down again and again pull behind her with the blue light flashing.

Fearing for her safety, the victim drove to her boyfriend's house where Ferrante approached the victim and demanded her license. He then apparently identified himself as a military police officer.

Officer Ela applied for and was granted a warrant for the arrest of Ferrante for impersonating a police officer. He is being held at the Webster Police Department on \$240.00 bail. He will be arraigned tomorrow at Dudley District Court.



From the shores of
Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg